IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

**CHARLESTON DIVISION** 

IN RE: C.R. BARD, INC.,

PELVIC REPAIR SYSTEM

PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

**MDL 2187** 

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LEANNE EDWARDS HADLEY,

Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:12-cv-04845

C. R. BARD, INC., et al.

v.

Defendants.

## MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

On September 12, 2018, plaintiff's counsel filed a Suggestion of Death noting the death of plaintiff Leanne Edwards Hadley during the pendency of this action [ECF No. 24]. Pretrial Order ("PTO") # 289 filed in *In re: C. R. Bard, Inc., Pelvic Repair Sys. Prods. Liab. Litig.,* 2:10-md-2187 ("Bard 2187") [ECF No. 6195] outlines the procedures the court requires to either substitute a deceased party pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(a), or to dismiss the deceased party from the civil action because of a failure to properly serve and substitute the deceased party.

The court **FINDS** that the Suggestion of Death did not comply with Rule 25(a) as it was never properly served upon parties, non-parties or a personal representative of the estate. Regardless, the time period as set forth in PTO # 289 to substitute a party has since passed. Therefore, the court **ORDERS** that this case is **DISMISSED** without prejudice and **STRICKEN** from the docket of this court. Any pending motions are **DENIED** as moot.

The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to send a copy of this Order to counsel of record and any unrepresented party.

ENTER: August 16, 2019

JØSEPH R. GOODWJN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE